

The cornerstones of the Centennial Initiative for George Rogers Clark National Historical Park will focus on three key factors.

The first will center on the rehabilitation and stabilization of the historical resources of the park. The resources have suffered from insufficient maintenance since their construction in the 1920's and 1930's. The primary projects will be the multi-million dollar rehabilitation of the Clark Memorial terrace and the Wabash River retaining (flood) wall.

The second component will be the implementation and completion of the approved Cultural Landscape Report. This report, completed in 2006, is the first comprehensive outline of what the park should look like for the next fifty years. This will include the planting of proper trees and shrubs, the major repair of the irrigation system and the proper relocating of the park utility systems.

The third phase will be the completion of the park as intended by its creators in the 1920's. In partnership with the community of Vincennes, the park will spearhead the effort to remove the last remaining rail spur that runs between the primary historic resources of "Grouseland" and George Rogers Clark NHP. The removal of these tracks will allow for the completion of the park and permit handicapped and full accessibility to the Wabash River retaining wall. It will also allow for the development of the one mile of Wabash River front (now inaccessible) for visitor activities.

This development will include the expansion of the already existing relationship with the Spirit of Vincennes, Inc. which, in partnership with the park, hosts the Vincennes Rendezvous every Memorial Day weekend.

The most critical element of finishing the park will be the completion of the parks first permanent wayside and exhibit plan. The park has existed with only partial waysides since 1966 and a visitor center with temporary exhibits dating from 1976.